GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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PEAIS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) and the funds allocated/released and utilized under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise ;

(b) whether incident of malpractices including irregularities in funds utilization have been reported during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the remedial action taken by the Government to check such malpractices?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a): Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) is a Central Sector Plan Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj since 2005-06. PEAIS aims to (i) incentivize States to devolve 3Fs (functions, funds and functionaries) to Panchayats and (ii) incentivize Panchayats to put in place accountability systems to make their functioning transparent and efficient. Performance of States is measured through a Devolution Index (DI) prepared through an independent agency. Awards are given to best performing States/UTs based on their rank on DI annually. From 2011-2012, Panchayats have been incentivized for their performance during the year 2010-2011. The State/UT Governments have been advised to utilise the amount released for the development of Panchayati Raj in the State. Details of funds released under the Scheme from 2008-09 to 2011-2012 are given in Annex.

(b): No such incident has been reported to the Central Government with regard to PEAIS.

(c) & (d): Question does not arise.